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## Banks.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yes 12,000,000  
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RESERVE FUND ..... 6,000,000

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KOBE NEW YORK  
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BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:  
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HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent  
per Annum on the daily balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.  
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S. CHOW, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chief Manager, G. W. F. Playfair.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per cent.  
per Annum.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [38]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$8,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS. \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Chairman.  
R. M. Gray, Deputy Chairman.  
C. Bousman, Esq.

G. D. Bunting, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.  
G. B. Dowell, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.  
David Gobray, Esq. R. Stewart, Esq.  
A. Haupt, Esq. N. A. Stobie, Esq.

Chief Manager—T. JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager—  
Shanghai—J. P. Wade Gardner, Esq.  
London Bankers—London and County  
Banking Company, Limited.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months 3 per cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months 4 per cent. per Annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1898. [39]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per cent.  
per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [39]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$100,000  
RESERVE ..... \$80,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$75,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the rate of 3 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, and June, 1897. [38]

Entertainment.

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS,  
PROMENADE CONCERT

OPEN-AIR THEATRICALS  
AND

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES,  
(By LADY CARRINGTON)

TO-MORROW,  
(SATURDAY), the 30th April, 1898.

At 9 P.M.

ADMISSION ..... \$1

The proceeds to be used in aid of the  
Band Fund.

TICKETS at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,  
Music Depot.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1898. [383]

Notice of Fines.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from Hong  
Kong, Mr. W. S. BAMSLEY will be  
Local Secretary to the above Company.

FRANK COLLINS.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1898. [383]

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(10)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
LONDON, &c. ... *Vivian* ..... S. Barcham ..... Noon, 30th April ... Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN ..... *Routta* ..... E. P. Bishop ..... Daylight, 1st May ... Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c. .... *Malacca* ..... E. R. Dowell, R.N.R. .... Noon, 3rd May ... Freight or Passage.  
LONDON ..... *Manila* ..... R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. .... About 5th May ... Freight or Passage.  
LONDON ..... *Formosa* ..... A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R. .... About 14th May ... Freight or Passage.  
(Passing through the Inland Seas). [383]

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent

Hongkong, 28th April, 1898. [383]

Intimations.  
UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL  
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE  
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE  
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER-BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT, THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

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Intimations.

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to  
refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing,  
amount to \$8,036,403. The premiums are  
moderate; and all modern features consistent  
with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,

Apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, and March, 1898. [37]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undesignated AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES. SIEMSSSEN & CO.,  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [38]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON-TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 ..... \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$833,333.33  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEO SING, Esq. LO YUKE MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq. MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [38]

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agents.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1898. [38]

## Hotels.

WINDSOR HOTEL,  
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the  
elegant Building known as "CON-  
NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accom-  
modation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrances Hall to  
each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families

and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

## BILLIARDS.

P. BOHM,  
Proprietor & Manager,  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1898. [38]

## CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUNN & CO. ..... \$35.50 ..... \$37.50

## WHISKY.

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" ..... \$10.50

## PORT WINE.

MCREADY'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED" ..... \$10.50

## GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND.

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.,  
Agents,  
Praya Central.

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## THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE

## MANUFACTURERS OF WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French New Wine.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

## TAN SAN.

FLETCHER & CO.  
and  
CARMICHAEL & CO.

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## W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED.

NEW AND LARGE STOCK OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S

## BOOTS AND SHOES

BEST ENGLISH MAKE.

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 10th February, 1898. [38]

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A NEW INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY per

cent upon contributions for the year 1897

has been Declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 9th May

By order of the Board.

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1898. [38]

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## GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD-MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS for the post of

To-day's  
Advertisements.

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

TENDER FOR THE ERECTION OF A  
BUILDING  
ON  
NORTH BARRACK GROUND.

PLAN and SPECIFICATION may be seen  
by applying to the SUPERINTENDING  
CIVIL ENGINEER, WORKS LOAN, H. M.  
NAVAL YARD.

Sealed tenders to be sent under cover to the  
Commodore in Charge, H. M. NAVAL YARD  
at or before NOON on the 9th May, 1898.

The Commodore is not bound to accept the  
lowest or any tender.

H. M. NAVAL YARD.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1898. [579]

## NOTICE.

THE Postmaster General is prepared to  
receive APPLICATIONS from Firms  
desiring to use PRIVATE LETTER BOXES  
on board the River Steamers belonging to or  
managed by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao  
Steam-boat Company, and running between  
HONGKONG and CANTON. Applicants are  
requested to furnish an estimate of the average  
monthly amount of their correspondence.

A. M. THOMSON,  
Postmaster General

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1898. [580]

## NOTICE.

THE attention of the Public is drawn to  
paragraphs 75 to 77, 81 and 91 of the  
HONGKONG POSTAL GUIDE, and they are  
informed that all Printed Matter and Commer-  
cial Papers must be put up to air to be easily  
inspected. Covers that are closed and have the  
corners cut off do not permit of easy inspection.  
When addressed to countries of the POSTAL  
UNION covers which do not conform to the re-  
gulations cannot be forwarded.

A. M. THOMSON,  
Postmaster General

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 27th April, 1898. [581]

THE  
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of Ten per cent,  
being Six Dollars per share on the Paid-  
up Capital of the above Association, has been  
declared payable at the Chartered Bank of  
India, Australia and China or the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after  
this date to Shareholders on record on the 27th  
April, 1898.

By order of the Board of Directors,

W. S. JACKSON,  
Secretary

Shanghai, 23rd April, 1898. [582]

CHINA NAVIGATION,  
LIMITED.

## FOR TIENSIN.

THE Company's Steamship  
"KWEIYANG,"  
Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as  
above on MONDAY, the 2nd May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1898. [583]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"PALINURUS,"  
Captain Sawyers, will be despatched on  
TUESDAY, the 3rd May.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1898. [584]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"PREUSSEN,"  
Captain Helmick, due here with the outward  
German mail about the 4th May, will leave for  
the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1898. [585]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO  
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship  
"HOHENZOLLERN,"  
Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above Ports  
on or about THURSDAY, the 6th May.

For further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1898. [586]

## NOW READY.

A PAMPHLET containing the Series of  
Articles by the Telegraph's Special  
Correspondent entitled

"HINDRANCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF TRADE IN KWANTUNG  
AND KWANGSI."

## ALSO

The new TRANSIT PASS RULES, providing for  
the sale of goods en route to inland markets.

PRICE, 50 CENTS PER COPY.  
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"  
OFFICE.  
No. 6, Pudding Hill.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1898. [587]

## Intimations.

## REUTER'S MESSAGE.

## THE WAR.

LONDON, April 27th.

France and Italy have issued proclamations  
of neutrality.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation  
granting Spanish vessels, leaving or arriving  
at the United States, up to the 1st May to clear  
unmolested, the prize Courts to adjudicate the  
captures already made.

In pursuance of the proclamation of neutrality  
Great Britain has prevented the sailing of an  
American torpedo vessel from Falmouth. The  
Americans have captured the Spanish trans-  
Atlantic liner *Panama* from New York to  
Havana with Spanish refugees and a valuable  
cargo.

[We fail to see how refugees would be going  
to Havana. More likely to Cadiz.]

## PLAQUE STATISTICS.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 28th April,  
7 new cases and 8 deaths from plague were re-  
ported, making the total since 1st January (181  
days) 664 cases and 590 deaths.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Admiralty rule on the *Fowey-Kwangtung*  
collision was again heard at the Supreme Court  
to-day and was adjourned till Tuesday next at  
10.30 a.m.

We understand that Mrs. North is to revisit  
Hongkong about the 1st proximo and will make  
a stay of about a week during which she will  
give her exhibitions of palmistry and thought  
reading.

SIR WILLIAM LOCKHART in a farewell order to  
the Tribh Force says that never on any frontier  
expedition have the difficulties been more formi-  
dable, the punishment of the tribes more ex-  
emplary, or their subjection more complete.

A RUMOUR has been circulating in Simla that  
Sir Antony Macdonald succeeds Lvd Elgin as  
Viceroy, but it is without any official confirmation.  
Lord Balfour of Burleigh is being now  
thought in some of the better informed quarters  
as the most probable man.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals:-

M. A. A. Da Souza Co. .... \$10  
M. W. Slade ..... 10  
A. H. Battenheim ..... 5  
E. F. X. dos Santos Remedios ..... 2

THE Band of the K. O. L. Regiment will play  
the following programme at the Concert  
Hall, 28th April, at 8 o'clock:-  
Overture ..... The Bachelor Girl ..... Suite  
Selection ..... The Gondoliers ..... Suite  
Valse ..... Members ..... Lohit  
Gavotte ..... The First Kiss ..... Schubert  
Selection ..... La Mousette ..... Admira  
Valse ..... La Source ..... Waldmire  
God Save the Queen.

THE Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News*  
has had a long conversation with Herr Jan  
Szczepanski, the inventor of the telectroscope.  
If all the inventor claims for the new wonder is  
justified, we are on the eve of a good many  
changes. For instance, the telectroscope will  
not only make possible the instantaneous re-  
production of man's acts at any distance, but it  
will print them upon photographic plates. Thus,  
if the first copy of the *Daily News* as it leaves  
the press is inserted in Herr Szczepanski's appa-  
ratus, it can, he says, be reproduced by photo-  
graphy the next moment in New York, Bombay,  
or Sydney. Telegraphy will then become a thing  
of the past, and even the telephone, which at a  
great distance is a "worry" to those who have to  
work in, will be cast aside.

THE steamship *Emmralda* left Kowloon about  
a few minutes after 2 p.m. yesterday. She only  
arrived two days before but did not wait to take  
in cargo here. Her passenger list is remarkably  
small, including only a newspaper representa-  
tive, and an individual in spectacles and a  
pyjama jacket, who looked for all the world like  
a *Filipino*. The ship was carefully searched  
before she left but nothing came to light. When  
she left the wharf she was showing more of her  
bottom paint (red) than she has done for a long  
time past. Should she strike a heavy blow she  
will roll like a lead whale, and this, with the  
chance of being battered or torpedoed by a  
Spanish gunboat will give quite a test to the  
trip. We understand that the *Emmralda* is  
under sealed orders, but it is an open secret that  
the station of the American fleet is her objective.

AN instance of the generosity of the late Sir  
Havelock Allen has just come to light. It ap-  
pears that an old soldier named Hickey now  
living at Reading, who served in the 10th Foot  
at the time when the deceased general was ad-  
jutant of the same regiment, had the misfortune  
to lose the Lucknow medal, which was presented  
to him for bravery. On hearing of the occurrence  
Sir Havelock Allen wrote, two or three  
months before his death, to Corporal Hickey,  
from the House of Commons, as "an old friend,"  
and comrade of 1857, stating that he had searched  
in six different shops in London to try and  
get a Lucknow medal with a clasp for the mem-  
orable siege, to replace the one lost, but he did  
not succeed. "The nearest I can get," said  
the general, "is the one I now enclose to you  
with very great pleasure. It has the clasp of  
Central India, but that cannot be helped, and  
you must explain the circumstances by this letter  
to any who ask you the reason." Needless to say,  
Corporal Hickey treasures both the letter and the medal presented to him by the  
deceased general, with whom he saw active  
service in 1857.

[This is similar to a telegram which the *Daily  
Press* had from Shanghai. Most probably  
Prince Henry's last and belated warships have  
recently broken down again.—Ed. H.A.T.]

It appears from the Singapore *Government  
Gazette* that the late Sir Elliot B. will contribute  
\$230 to the Straits Widows and Orphans' Fund;  
and his widow draws an annual pension of \$1,300.  
The late Sir William Maxwell contributed \$3,219  
and his widow draws a pension of only \$191!

A STORY illustrative of the mistakes which  
sometimes happen in funeral arrangements is  
told of a certain Yorkshirer. His aunt had died  
in Russia, and the body was placed in a  
coffin and sent to England for burial. On the  
arrival of the coffin in Yorkshire, some three  
days later, it was opened by the nephew, who  
found to his horror and astonishment that it  
contained the body of a Russian general in full  
uniform, the breast covered with medals. In  
great distress he telegraphed to St. Petersburg  
to obtain an explanation of the mistake, and  
taking instructions with regard to the deceased  
officer. A wire speedily arrived in answer from  
the Russian capital: "You may keep general;  
but bury to-day with full military honours."

THE Spanish swindlers, notwithstanding the full  
publicity given to, and the exposing of, their  
clever schemes by the press, says the Sydney  
*Evening News*, have evidently not lost all but  
of gathering further fish into their meshes, and  
the game seems still able to pay the cost of pipe  
and stamps. The woful tale is now confined to  
two well-known Illawarra residents is some-  
what different to that adopted some time ago,  
when the writer was incarcerated in a fortress,  
and on the verge of death, although the  
story is virtually the same. The money and  
unfortunate daughter are in strong  
evidence. The writer is still in Santiago de  
Ochoa, and he dates his epistle from Barcelona.  
He states he was Captain Treasurer of a regi-  
ment in Spain. He had strong Republican  
tendencies, and was induced by the Republicans  
to desert, which he did, at the same  
time appropriating funds of the regiment to the  
amount of 40,000 francs, which sum was sup-  
plemented by the addition of 300 francs by  
the committee, who dispatched him on a mission  
abroad to purchase arms in view of a pending  
revolution. The plot was, however, discovered,  
but he succeeded in making his escape, finally  
landing in Australia, and securing the money  
in his possession—650,000 francs in French bank  
notes—in the ground in a solitary spot in this  
district. Ultimately he decided to revisit Spain,  
but was immediately recognised and sentenced  
to fifteen years' imprisonment. He had taken  
a plan of the spot where the money is placed,  
and this he locked in his portmanteau, which is  
now in the possession of the directors of a school  
at Toledo, where his daughter was being educated,  
but they failed to deliver up the portmanteau  
till all expenses in connection with his  
daughter's education were settled. "Ochoa"  
then goes on to state that whilst in the Illawarra  
district he had heard favorable comments respecting  
the gentleman to whom he wrote, and  
promised to make over to him one-third of the  
hidden treasure provided they sent money to  
bring his daughter over to Australia to release  
the precious property from the schoolmasters. They were asked to cable to  
"Yose Terrier," Valentini, if they agreed to the  
terms contained in the letter. Needless to say,  
"Yose Terrier" will wait no longer.

A REGIMENTAL "SING-SONG."

There is no end of vocal talent in the  
King's Own, and there is likewise no end of  
rivalry amongst the boys as to who is the "best  
man." A competition in the "sentimental" and  
"comic" divisions was brought off last  
night in the gymnasium at Murray Barracks and  
for all the vexed question should be settled.  
Messrs. Crisp and Farr adjudicated in the  
sentimental contest and Messrs. G. Duncan and  
W. Musket did the same for the comic. The  
place was crowded and Sergt. Major Wilson  
acted as chairman. Pte. Keeley of H. Co. sang  
"The Beggar" but did not score to any extent.  
Pte. McDonald tried a comic song and failed  
utterly, Mr. Upton did very well with his number  
"La tiddly dumplum dumplum bi" in costume.  
Pte. Flint (otherwise "Buckskin") gave a ren-  
dition of "The Little Hero" that sent many  
people out to see "a man." He has not  
a bad voice but he kills his song by the  
straining for effect. Pte. Donough, H. Co., has  
a pleasing voice but he sang a most lug-  
ubrious ditty apparently about evil associations  
and the subsequent life at Portland. P. C.  
Broadhurst sang his comic song in regular  
military hall style. He was totted out in red  
sabre jacket, forage cap and all, and the way he  
sang of "The Hump-backed Army" was a treat.  
His comrades applauded him to the echo, and the  
topical verses caught on immensely. A remarkably  
good vocalist (although he did not get the  
verdict) is Col. Script Lelliott. Dressed only as  
Tommy does when at the pleasant occupation  
of alt cleaning, he sang a stirring military song,  
the subject being one of "the gallant 4th King's  
Own." The song was sung with splendid verve  
and the audience showed their appreciation in  
applause. Lelliott has a very nice voice  
and we hope to hear more of him before the  
regiment leaves Hongkong. The star couplet  
of the corps, Corp. Williams, put on a very  
fine hall style. He was totted out in red  
sabre jacket, forage cap and all, and the way he  
sang was good and his funny business  
brought down the house. Then Bands  
Carter sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." He  
has not suffered vocally since he joined the  
Army and it was a pleasure to all to hear his  
rich clear notes. Pte. Flint (Buckskin) essayed  
a comic "The Troopship" in which he made  
a good hit, and the chorus "Sally merrily  
was well taken up by the audience.  
The renditions of "Eileen Alana" by Lee Corp  
O'Donoghue was a real musical treat; the singer  
being gifted with a very sweet voice and a large  
amount of dramatic expression. Pte. Dalton  
acquitted himself creditably in the comic song  
"Perhaps." In this interval the judges made  
their awards. Messrs. Carter and Broadhurst  
receiving the silver medals in the sentimental  
and comic classes respectively with 13 points  
out of a possible 15, and 14 out of 20. Other  
scores (sentimental) Donough 12; Lelliott 10;  
Keeley 8; comic, Williams 13 (selection not  
fortunate) and the rest nowhere. The medals  
were presented by Col. Rowlandson and the  
recipients had hearty applause. A funny  
skit, "The Smart Boy," in which Messrs.  
Williams, Carter and Upton took part finished  
up a very enjoyable evening.

## SAD DEATH FROM PLAGUE.

A HOSPITAL NURSE DIES ON DUTY.

Dr. Atkinson informs us, with the deepest  
regret, which will be fully shared by all readers,  
that "Sister Frances," Miss Elizabeth Frances  
Higgin, died at the Government Civil Hospital  
at 2.30 a.m. to-day. The cause of her death  
was plague-pneumonia, a severest type of the  
disease; in India this is termed "malignant"  
and is said to be invariably fatal. Sister  
Frances was feeling unwell first on Tuesday  
last, and on Dr. Atkinson seeing her he found  
that she had slight fever; that evening she was  
a little better. On the following day, Wednesday,  
suspicious symptoms supervened and she  
was transferred from the Sister's quarters to an  
isolation ward at the Civil Hospital. On  
Thursday, it was evident that she was suffering  
from this most severe type of plague,  
as on examining the sputum crowds of plague  
bacilli were seen. She became worse after mid-  
night and died at the above-mentioned time in  
the presence of Dr. Atkinson, the Matron and  
three of the sisters. She was a native of Carrick-  
fergus and was one of the original six who came  
out to the Government Civil Hospital in 1890  
and is the first nursing Sister who has died. She  
is undoubtedly martyred to duty, as Dr. Atkinson  
has ascertained that on the 20th last, one of her  
ward "boys," who was suffering from  
plague, in his delirious state bit her face and  
clothes, and although she immediately washed  
off she must have inhaled some of the germs  
then. Nothing could be sadder than her untimely  
death while executing her perilous duties in  
the cause of humanity.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by  
Correspondents in this column.]

## ILL-TREATMENT OF BLUEJACKETS.

A NATURALIST'S NOTES.

In 1894, the great plague year, the bamboo flowered and as this plant is only known to flower at long intervals the Chinese have grown to regard the phenomenon as of evil portent for some inexplicable reason. They do not know why flowering bamboo should bring bad luck, but that it does so they assert with perfect faith and pols, to the disasters of 1894 as proof positive of their assertion. Then we had plague, drought and famine, and the China-Japan war. The bamboo is again flowering this year and will doubtless be regarded as an evil omen. Now, too we have the curious coincidence of plague and war again being in evidence and the season so far has been a remarkably dry one and very similar to that of 1894. I believe that the real reason of the bamboo flowering in 1894 and again this year is that the meteorological conditions were similar, and suitable to the flowering of the plant and, at the same time, they happened to be suitable in an equal degree to the development of the plague. Many of the superstitions attaching to natural phenomena may be explained in the same manner, those who believe in them having usually placed the cause and result in the wrong places and so managed to add a savour of possibility to their deductions owing to two widely different phenomena taking place together. Instead of looking for the cause of both, they immediately seize upon one as the cause of the other and so the superstition arises. Once a superstitious has obtained a hold upon the minds of unreasoning folk it requires the most convincing proof of its unreliability to eradicate it, and in China we have no one capable of undertaking such a stupendous task.

(*Financial News*, July 24th).

AN EMPIRICAL ASSERTION THAT IT IS, AND WOULD BE BETTER OFF UNDER BRITISH RULE.

A correspondent writes further on the subject:—"Having observed the question in your issue of Friday's date under the above title, I beg most unhesitatingly to answer Yes. I take the following extract from the 'History of the Philippine Islands,' from the Spanish by Mariano Zetina, written at Manila in 1803, translated by John Mavor, Esq., London, 1874, Chap. XVII, p. 239:—'In this manner did the two nations continue their hostilities until January 30, 1764. On this day the Archbishop died, impressed in mind by the miseries he saw the people suffer and the many inequities his employment occasioned him at a moment of such calamity. His Excellency was guilty of only one material error during this war, and that was his engagement to pay \$4,000,000 to the English and deliver up the Islands to them. It would have been better to have surrendered at discretion than with conditions so hard, and out of his power to comply with; it must be remembered, however, in his justification that he granted them with the bayonet at his breast, and that the Spaniards, who were with him, signed the same terms.'

Martinez de Zuniga was a Spanish priest, and as such had to defend the proceedings of his superiors; therefore, he adds 'that he granted them with the bayonet at his breast'; but this was the usual military etiquette of the times. I dare say a copy of his book may be found in the Library of the British Museum, and I can recommend its perusal to those interested in the matter. The Spaniards were fairly beaten, and signed the treaty referred to, and the very fact of their paying half in cash perfectly confirms the transaction. The Spanish Government, I believe, refuses to entertain the claim, on the ground that the supreme power at the moment of capitulation was not vested in the Archbishop, but in the person of Simon de Anda, who opposed the victorious British army chiefly in the province of Bicol. But all students of Spanish history know that Simon de Anda was simply an insignificant chief, acting in distinct contradiction of the constituted authority, as vested in the person of the Archbishop, in the absence of the Governor-General of Spain. Vida Zuniga, here is a Spanish recognition of our undoubted rights, written by one of the priests themselves. The book is looked upon with great disfavour by the priesthood, as it is an impartial and clear statement of the facts, not always favourable to the Spaniards themselves; and, moreover, the native is not supposed to study history, or to know, or otherwise understand, that these Islands ever belonged to any other nation than Spain, and chiefly to the monastic orders of the Roman Catholic Church, which swarm in all civilized parts of the Archipelago.

"Many years ago I visited, in company of a resident Spaniard, the site of one of the English camps in the Province of Bicol, where the remains of the earthworks are to be seen to this day. He informed me the many English coins of that date have been found there by the natives. I referred him to the passage I have quoted above, and he recognized the fact, and added, 'Our Government never pays its debts.' He predicted the loss of Cuba and the Philippines Islands, and gave it as his opinion that our colonial policy was the only correct and possible one of the whole world. I always understood the above account of Zuniga's to be the correct one. The expedition fitted out under the auspices of Admiral Collishaw and Colonel W. Draper, as per your former correspondence, was recalled at Rangoon, owing to some rising of the natives at Madras. Zuniga's work contains most interesting details of our expedition to these Islands and the subsequent capture of Manila.

I quite agree with your correspondent as to the imperative necessity and convenience to Spain in handing over these Islands to Great Britain, the great recognized colonial Power, seeing their colonial policy is an utter failure, a disaster, in the eyes of the whole world. The inhabitants of the Philippines Islands are a peaceful and intelligent race, second only in point of mental and intellectual supremacy to the Japanese amongst Oriental nations, and second only because of the severe restrictions imposed on these people to travel in foreign lands, to imbibe the products of modern civilization, to educate themselves, without experiencing the errors inherent to all progressive systems of governmental machinery—as the Japanese themselves have done. We—par excellence the human colonial civilizing element of the nineteenth century, proved and demonstrated to the satisfaction of all other nations, and with greater pre-eminence still in the next, under one Queen our flag—interest ourselves even in Armenian atrocities; but were the history and pathetic sufferings of those poor people more simply known to the British nation at large, I venture to suggest to our seniors that they could find no just cause for human intervention on behalf of an oppressed people struggling to be free, and oblige the Spanish Government by right of conquest to abrogate the stipulations of the treaty as signed.

The expedition which effected the capture had been fitted out at Madras under Admiral Collishaw and Colonel W. Draper. Manila, long a great centre of Spanish commerce, was at that time an especially valuable prize, for numerous rich cargoes lay in the bay; and the archbishop of the place, anxious to save both the Islands and the many cities engaged, on behalf of his Imperial master the King of Spain, to ransom them for £1,000,000. Mr. Lecky, in "England in the Eighteenth Century," says of this transaction:—"The news of the conquest of Manila and the other Philippine Islands did not arrive until after the preliminaries had been signed, and these valuable possessions were in consequence restored without any equivalent. When Manila was captured, the private property of the inhabitants was saved from plunder on the condition of a payment of ransom of £1,000,000 sterling, one half of which was paid in money and the other half in bullion upon the Spanish Treasury." That this was the Spanish Government's only course to

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CALENDAR.

APRIL.  
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer ..... 29.058

Thermometer ..... 63.7

Humidity ..... 86.0

Rainfall ..... 7.58

TO-DAY.

Friday, 29th April, 1898.  
Chinese—9th of 4th moon of 24th year of K'ung-ti.

Festival of the Kal, ruler of Heaven, of Earth and of Water; also of Buddha.

Jewish—7th Year, 5858.

Mohammedan—7th Dulheggia, 1316.

Sun—Rises ..... 5.45 a.m. 25 min.

Moon—First Quarter 9th. 4.15 a.m. a.m.

High water—Morning ..... none.

Afternoon ..... 1.15 p.m. 36 min.

Low water—Morning ..... none.

Afternoon ..... 10.20 p.m. 20 min.

No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1856—Crimean War ended.

1876—Party of a fishing junk near Cape D'Agulhas, Hongkong; 9 of the crew murdered.

1879—Alxander of Battenburg elected Prince of Bulgaria.

1892—Great hurricane in Mauritius; over 1,000 lives lost.

1897—Earthquake at Guadalupe; many killed enormous damage. Departure of Dr. Ayres.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 30th April, 1898.

Chinese—10th of 4th moon of 24th year of K'ung-ti.

Jewish—8th Year, 5858.

Mohammedan—8th Dulheggia, 1316.

Sun—Rises ..... 5.45 a.m. 25 min.

Sets ..... 6.45 p.m. 24 min.

High water—Morning ..... none.

Afternoon ..... 2.45 p.m. 55 min.

Low water—Morning ..... none.

Afternoon ..... 11.15 a.m. 15 min.

No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1878—Feng, Tents of Shanghai died.

1883—General Grant arrived in Hongkong.

1895—Omeo—Nan Kwang collision at Woosung; loss of the former with 300 lives.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

WAIRS DUE:

American (*Rebels*) to-morrow.

British (*Victoria*) to-morrow.

Indian (*Castlera Apur*) and prox.

German (*Freuden*) 4th prox.

American (*Parva*) 10th prox.

Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 11th prox.

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